

that can not be broken. We may not understand how this salvation comes. In fact we do not, but we shall know when our salvation is complete and we shall stand before our Savior and see him face to face and know as we are known.

King's Children.

SOME NOTES AND SUGGESTIONS.

WM. D. FURRY.

That the session of the various Young People's Societies of Indiana, held at Loree, Oct. 23, was not a success was due to two causes:

1. Because it was held too near the close of Conference, many of the delegates having returned home, and those present being well tired out.

2. Because of a Barbecue held in Peru, seven and one-half miles away, on the same day, taking the young people of Loree and vicinity away.

Suggestions:—(1.) That for the present, or until a greater interest is taken by the church in this work, the session be placed earlier on the program. (2.) That the various societies encourage, and if possible aid as many members as possible to be present at these sessions.

(3.) That the church in which a society exists instruct her delegates to be present at these sessions.

The secretary's report was, like several others, a partial one. Some societies know the cause of this, and could best explain.

Report blanks were sent to every society in the state (Junior and Senior.) Twelve societies out of nearly thirty filled them out and returned them. How, now is it possible for your state officers to make a full report? How is it possible for the church entire to see the progress we are making, and appreciate our value to the church? Can we expect to enlist their sympathy, encouragement and aid, until we can satisfy them on these points?

Suggestions:—That each society elect such officers as are provided for in their Constitution, and further elect such officers, who not only know, but who will do the work assigned to the various officers.

It is the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct all correspondence with the State and National Organization, and last but not least, fill out (if necessary with the aid of the society) and return as soon as possible all report blanks sent to them by State or National Secretaries.

It is the duty of the secretary to keep such reports of his society that he can give, without ten days' notice, a full report of the society.

It is the duty of the president to see that this report is given.

From the twelve societies reporting we condense as follows:

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| No. members Oct. 1, '95, | 360 |
| " " " " '96, | 498 |
| Increase during year, | 138 |
| No. added to church from society, | 53 |
| No. offering public prayer, | 170 |
| No. preparing for Christian work, | 7 |
| Money raised during year, | \$45 |
| " contributed to Home Mission, | 9 |
| " pledged for Chicago Mission, | 45 |
| No. of Junior Societies reported | 4 |
| " " members reported, | 170 |

This is the report from less than one-half of the societies. Will those societies not yet reported do so immediately, so we can report fully through the EVANGELIST and King's Children? If you have lost the blank sent you, or if none was sent, please write me and I will send it to you.

It was thought best to have a complete State Organization. The following officers were elected:

President, W. D. Furry.

Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Rohrer.

Treasurer, Miss Ida Simmonds.

Just at this time our work was postponed until some Conference work could be disposed of, and the secretary being obliged to return, we have no report and must depend upon secretary of Conference.

We will have some suggestions to make in our next for the various societies of the state in regard to finances, K. C. papers, etc., etc.

South Bend, Ind.

A CALL TO PRAYER.

J. O. TALLEY.

I wish to speak to our young men and young women about a matter that is very important to them, and as time rolls on, interest in this particular thing will intensify. I am persuaded from observation and experience, that but few of our young people appreciate their natural relation to all the movements, both great and small, that are taking place around them.

There is a deep seated movement commencing in our church organization at this time, before which our best workers humbly feel their incompetency, and are casting their eyes around, for the Elisha's upon whom the mantle may fall. If there ever was a time when the spirit was calling for devoted lives, that time is now; the very uneasiness among all classes indicates a longing for the best possible fruits of Christianity. Praise the Lord, we have seen the form of Christian faith, and some of its power; now at this time, we do not wish to see any less of its glor-

ious form, but the whole church yearns for a greater manifestation of the power.

Glancing down the pages of past history, I see that in all the history of the world, the race of man, has been experimenting in the science of government, and the pages of history are but the records of small successes, and great failures. Almost every conceivable form of government imaginable, has been tried, abandoned, and succeeded by others, and the experiments of to-day are in a great measure but repetitions of the past. You are growing up into experiences that to you are new, and perhaps novel, but to others farther advanced, it is the old story, some successes, and many failures, some happiness, and much gloom, some realizations of expectancy, but more disappointment. If men could only realize the incompetency of government, that takes only the physical man into consideration, we would speed the day of promise, when the Lord shall rule. In many cases we see what we need, but lack the power; we see the lack, but can not supply the needed thing. Perhaps we have been trusting to the enthusiasm of social life for the courage to launch the work, and to the training of the schools, and social developments for the power; forgetting the promise of the Lord, "Ye shall be endued with power from on high." I am not one that believes that the Lord gave us a religion of form, without LIFE, or a religion of grace without POWER. We get the form, of the Christian faith out of the word. It is true that the "words that I speak unto you are spirit, and they are life." But it is equally true that, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness comprehends it not." So that we may have got the form, and some of the light, and yet not have gotten the power. Now what the church needs at this time, as perhaps we have never needed it before, is the *power*. Oh, may the Lord give you the power to do the work. How are you to get it? "Ask, and ye shall receive." "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, it shall be given you of my Father who is in heaven." Do you believe it? I wish to add my testimony here, perhaps it will encourage others.

Oftimes when I was at my wit's end, and when it seemed as though all had forsaken me in my work, I have gone to the Lord in prayer, and received great strength. Good people sometimes do, and say things that discourage a preacher, and *Oh, how weak we feel*. But just on such occasions as these, go to the Lord in secret prayer, in the *closet*, and there let HIM tell you that you are *preaching for Him*, preaching His Gospel, and not man's Gospel; and be impressed by the spirit,